

gram, foreign aid, the Supreme Court, the civil rights bill, and school textbooks -- among other things. In addition to a galaxy of the most conservative members of Congress, speakers have included representatives of the American Security Council, America's Future, the Citizens Foreign Aid Committee, the Coordinating Committee for Fundamental American Freedoms, and the Southern States Industrial Council. In addition to the weekly radio show, the Forum publishes a monthly newsletter and Manion is active on the lecture circuit.

National Economic Council -- Founded and headed until his death in late 1962 by Merwin K. Hart, who was characterized by the Anti-Defamation League as "a long-time anti-Semite," NEC publishes a semi-monthly Economic Council Letter and occasionally presents testimony to Congress on proposed legislation. It has charged that: "All branches of American life . . . have been infiltrated by Communists;" that "the Zionists . . . became responsible for Hitler's going berserk;" that the Supreme Court, under Warren, is "one of the strongest allies Moscow has in America;" and that the "real holders of power" are the "leftist elite," headed by the Council on Foreign Relations.

National Education Program -- Located on the campus of Harding College at Searcy, Ark., NEP is headed by Harding's President, George S. Benson. In addition to its annual "Freedom Forum" programs, NEP turns out a wealth of films and printed materials, publishes a newsletter and distributes a regular newspaper column by Dr. Benson. As a result of all this activity, it has been characterized as "the academic seat of the Far Right." NEP's Vice-President is retired Gen. William P. Campbell, who is also linked to Billy James Hargis' Christian Crusade and to We, The People! Benson has plugged the John Birch Society and continues to maintain his agreement with "the original basic stated aims" of the Society, though not with its "harsh criticism of President Eisenhower." Probably the most widely utilized product of NEP is its filmstrip, "Communism on the Map," produced under the direction of JBS member Glenn Green (then on the NEP staff) and based largely on The Blue Book of the Birch Society. NEP warns that the U. S. is threatened by a fifth-column made up of "hard-core Communists supported by ten times as many fellow-travelers;" criticizes the graduated income tax; says that "freedoms so vigorously fought for and dearly won are being leached away by numerous welfare schemes that appeal to the apathetic;" and calls for "halting the disease of government hand-outs."

National Review -- Founded and edited by William F. Buckley, Jr., author of God and Man at Yale, the National Review is a bi-weekly "journal of fact and opinion." In alternate weeks, an 8-page National Review Bulletin is published. While Birch Society leader Robert Welch claims to have been one of the first stockholders in the Buckley effort, National Review has since charged that Welch "is damaging the cause of anti-Communism" and, like Senator Goldwater, has urged the Society to reject Welch's "false counsels." The Buckley magazine has been zealously campaigning for Goldwater since 1958 (it almost claims to have "discovered" him), and its publisher, William Rusher, played a key role in the draft-Goldwater cam-

paign of 1963-64. As befits their dissatisfaction with the "Eastern establishment" forces in the Republican Party, the National Review editors and sponsors are aligned solidly with the Conservative Party in New York state.

In its initial issue, in late 1955, National Review listed as among its basic convictions: "The growth of government . . . must be fought relentlessly We consider 'coexistence' with communism neither desirable nor possible, nor honorable. . . . [An] identifiable team of Fabian operators is bent on controlling both our major political parties It would make greater sense to grant independence to each of our 48 states than to surrender U. S. sovereignty to a world organization." Though certainly at a more sophisticated level, National Review reflects most of the standard phobias of the right-wing. Thus it has been highly critical of U. S. foreign policy, of the United Nations, of foreign aid, and of the Supreme Court under Warren; and it has opposed such legislation as the test-ban treaty, the civil rights bill, medical care under Social Security, farm price supports and urban renewal.

Dan Smoot -- A former FBI agent, Smoot served as commentator on H. L. Hunt's "Facts Forum" (predecessor of Life Line) before establishing his own radio series and newsletter, The Dan Smoot Report, in mid-1955. From 1955 to 1957 he served also as co-chairman of For America. In his first issue, Smoot made it clear that in his view the U. S. is "headed for a slave society, whether you want to call it socialism, welfare-statism, communism, fascism, modern liberalism, New Dealism, Middle of the Roadism, or by some more ancient name." The titles of some of his reports provide additional insight into his point of view: Invisible Government [the Council on Foreign Relations], Get the U. S. Out of the U. N., Repeal the Income Tax, Foreign Aid Is Killing America, Urban Renewal and a Soviet America, and Communism in the Civil Rights Movement. His weekly commentary is heard on more than 100 radio and TV stations.

20th Century Reformation Hour -- Now heard daily on more than 600 stations, this is the radio commentary of Rev. Carl McIntire, who also publishes the weekly Christian Beacon, which says that it "is in the forefront of the battle against modernism, apostasy, Communism, and a one-world church." McIntire is also a leader in the fundamentalist American Council of Christian Churches and International Council of Christian Churches -- founded to oppose the National Council of Churches of Christ and the World Council of Churches. His attacks on the National Council of Churches and "modernist" Protestant leaders have largely replaced an earlier concern with the Roman Catholic church, which he called (in the mid-1940's) "the greatest enemy of freedom and liberty that the world has had to face today." However, he still works closely with Harvey Springer, the Colorado evangelist, whose Western Voice continues as an important vehicle of anti-Catholic articles. In addition to attacks on the National Council of Churches, which he says has "turned into a political action assembly" that "envision[s] a one-world church, a one-world government, and a one-world race;" McIntire has charged that the leaders of the World Council of Churches are "deeply